

HOUSE BILL 1571  
By Briley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,  
relative to medical malpractice insurance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section thereto:

56-7-129.

No policy of medical malpractice insurance shall be delivered or issued for  
delivery in this state, nor shall any endorsement, rider, or application which becomes a  
part of any such policy be used in connection therewith until a copy of the form and of  
the premium rates and of the classifications of medical specialties pertaining thereto has  
been filed with the commissioner of commerce and insurance, and the commissioner  
finds that the benefits provided in such policy are reasonable in relation to the premium  
charged, based upon such reasonable regulations as the commissioner may  
promulgate. If the commissioner finds the benefits provided in such policy are  
unreasonable in relation to the premium charged, the commissioner shall have the  
authority to require the medical malpractice insurer to adjust or restructure medical  
specialty classifications in order to set premiums more in accordance with benefits  
provided in such policy.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, and shall apply to any policy,  
endorsement or rider issued on or after such date, the public welfare requiring it.